Mysterious death of tribal folk painter

3412. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the truth about the mysterious death of the tribal folk painter Janagan Singh Shyani in Japan during his visit; and

(b) whether any compensation is contemplated to be sanctioned to his family by the Central or the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) The Police and hospital authorities in Japan and the post-mortem conducted in Bhopal, have attributed the death of Shri Janagan Singh Shyani to suicide.

(b) Shri Janagan Singh Shyam was an employee of the Bharat Bhavan Trust. Bhopal. The Trust has made ex-gratia and gratuity payments to the family. Orders for compassionate appointment of the widow of late Shri Shyam have also been issued. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has met the cost of transportation of the dead body of Shri Shyam from Japan to Bhopal.

Reported Pakistan's support to militants

3413. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per recent statement of the former Pakistan Prime Minister the Kashmiri militants find a lot of support within Pakistan;

(b) whether she has advocated for open borders between India and Pakistan and also for bridging the gulf between people of India and Pak; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) The State of Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union, a part of the territory of the State is under the forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan.

There can be no justification whatsoever, for the daily killings of men, women and children in Jammu and Kashmir by Pakistan sponsored terrorist groups. Government are firmly resolved to counter the forces of terrorism and violence, until they are decisively crushed.